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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Thomas, et al.  
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Group Art Unit: 3613  
Examiner: Siconolfi, Robert  
Title: DISC BRAKE SEAL ASSEMBLY

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**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2001. Claims 19-33 remain in this application. Please amend the application as follows.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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19. (AMENDED) A seal device for use in an adjustable tappet assembly for a disc brake for sealing between an internally threaded outer sleeve and an externally threaded internal shaft of the assembly, said device comprising a support element adapted to be carried by said sleeve, said support element carrying a seal for sealing between said sleeve and said shaft having a lip portion arranged to engage an unthreaded surface portion of said shaft in sealing relationship for providing sealing during axial movement of said shaft relative to said sleeve.